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Memorandum for Amb. Leonhart  
Dr. Knorr

Subject: NIO for General Purpose Forces

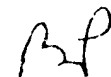
1. The intent of the attached memorandum is to limit the purview of the NIO for General Purpose Forces to Soviet general purpose forces and the NATO/Warsaw Pact.

2. The NIO/CPF will handle the NIE on China's Defense Policy now under development on a one-time basis. Thereafter, subsequent updates or a new NIE will be the responsibility of the NIO/China.

3. General Purpose Forces matters for areas other than USSR and Europe will be under the purview of the appropriate NIO--NIO/NESA for the Arab-Israeli Military Balance; NIO/China-EAP for the Korea's and Japan; NIO/Africa for Africa, etc.

4. Analysts concerned with such matters basically are found in OSR and OPA, but in very limited numbers. OSR's expertise in general purpose forces is found mostly in their Theater Forces Division, which is responsible only for USSR, Warsaw Pact, and NATO forces. Other OSR divisions--Eastern Forces and Regional Analysis (Current Intelligence)--which may have to deal with general purpose forces, have very few analysts for this work and are particularly thin with respect to Africa and Latin America. OPA has even fewer resources to deal with such defense/military matters.

5. This strikes me as a serious current weakness in NEAC. However, I have no ready solution for it.

  
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See my note.

MEMORANDUM FOR: National Foreign Intelligence Board

SUBJECT : Redesignation of National Intelligence Officer  
for Conventional Forces (NIO/CF)

1. Effective 1 October 1979 the National Intelligence Officer for Conventional Forces shall be redesignated NIO for General Purpose Forces.

2. The NIO/GPF has purview over intelligence relating to Soviet military programs other than those addressed by the NIO for Strategic Programs. Specifically, I look to the NIO/GPF to coordinate Intelligence Community undertakings relating to:

- a. Soviet air, naval, and land forces other than those with strategic missions.
- b. Armaments for these forces, including theater nuclear weapons.
- c. Arms control measures applicable to these forces, including limitations on Long Range Theater Nuclear Forces (LRTNF) and Mutual Balanced Force Reductions (MBFR).
- d. The NATO/Warsaw Pact arms balance.

/s/  
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